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Wall Street Journal: "Bond Market Defies Fed ... Bucking the Federal Reserve's efforts to push interest rates lower, investors are selling off U.S. government debt, driving rates in many cases to their highest levels in more than three months."

Wall Street Journal: "Fed's Yellen Defends Bond-Purchase Plan ... Janet Yellen, the Federal Reserve's new vice chairwoman, said in an interview that the central bank isn't trying to drive down the dollar's value or push inflation above 2%, defending the Fed against the strong backlash that followed its Nov. 3 decision to purchase \$600 billion more of U.S. Treasury bonds in a bid to strengthen economic growth."

Wall Street Journal: "China Is U.S.'s 'Central Challenge' ... The U.S. relationship with China will be the "central American challenge going forward," as the U.S. works to redevelop its economy, White House National Economic Council Director Larry Summers said on Monday."

Wall Street Journal: "Reserves Up at Home-Loan Agency ... The Federal Housing Administration won't need a taxpayer bailout-at least for now."

Wall Street Journal: "Securitization Sector Set to Defend Practices at Hearing ... Mortgage-bond issuers and investors moved to quell questions about whether banks properly assigned loans made during the securitization boom, arguing that such transfers are valid even if the loan's owner isn't identified in certain records."

Wall Street Journal: "AIG Discloses Financial Figures Sans Alico, AIA ... American International Group Inc. gave details of what its financial statements would look like without AIA Group Ltd. and American Life Insurance Co., insurance businesses it is unloading to help repay the U.S. government for its tens of billions of dollars in aid."

Washington Post: "Backlash to bond-buying plan hampers Fed ... The political maelstrom that erupted after the Federal Reserve's decision two weeks ago to take expansive action to boost the economy has reduced the central bank's maneuvering room as it considers how to get growth on track."

Washington Post: "Playing politics could be Federal Reserve's downfall ... I started to write an ironic, playful column comparing the Federal Reserve's decline to that of Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter. Both are still pretty good compared to what else is out there, but they're sure not what they used to be."

Washington Post: "Don't underestimate foreclosure crisis, watchdog to warn ... A congressional oversight panel is set to warn on Tuesday that a widespread problem of flawed and fraudulent foreclosure paperwork could upend the housing market and undermine the nation's financial stability, just as the issue is coming under greater scrutiny this week in Washington."

Washington Post: "FHA's cash reserves rebounding, audit shows ... The Federal Housing Administration's cash reserves remain below the level required by law, but they have not deteriorated much since last year and taxpayer funding will not be necessary to buoy the agency even under worst-case scenarios, federal officials said Monday."

NY Times: "Under Attack, Fed Officials Defend Buying of Bonds ... With the Federal Reserve under attack at home and abroad, it is making an unusual public bid to keep itself away from the political crossfire."

Washington Times: "RAHN: What caused the financial crisis ... Was the great financial crisis caused by greedy and reckless bankers and Wall Street players or by a broad range of individuals, financial institutions and governments who became less risk-averse and prudent or by government housing policies that brought on the housing bubble and mismanaged the risks?"